

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **February 26, 2004**, the examiner reviewed claims 1-21. Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gosling (USPN 5,668,999, hereinafter "Gosling") in view of Jagannathan et al. (USPN 6,496,871, hereinafter "Jagannathan").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Dependent claims 5, 12, and 19 were rejected as being unpatentable over Gosling in view of Jagannathan. Applicant respectfully points out that Gosling teaches **verifying branch targets**, which includes verifying the pointers to the branch targets (see Gosling, col. 6, line 62 to col. 7, line 9).

In contrast, the present invention is directed to **updating pointers to data items** on a second computing device when the application snapshot is moved from a first computing device to the second computing device and then verifying the pointers to the data items on the second computing device (see page 5, lines 5-8 of the instant application). Updating pointers to data items on a second computing device when the application snapshot is moved from a first computing device to the second computing device and then verifying the pointers to the data items on the second computing device is different from verifying branch targets. It allows the second computing device to continue executing an application that started execution on the first computing device. There is nothing within Gosling or Jagannathan, either separately or in concert, which suggests updating pointers to data items on a second computing device when the application snapshot is moved from a first computing device to the second computing device and then verifying the pointers to the data items on the second computing device.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, and 15 to include the limitations of dependent claims 5, 12, and 19, respectively. These

amendments find support on page 5, lines 5-8 of the instant application.

Dependent claims 5, 12, and 19 have been canceled without prejudice.

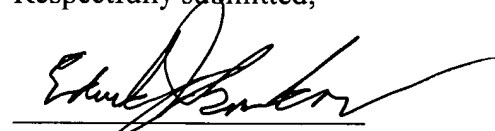
Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8, and 15 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-4 and 6-7, which depend upon claim 1, claims 9-11 and 13-14, which depend upon claim 8, and claims 16-18 and 20-21, which depend upon claim 15, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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